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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUPPLYING SUBSTRATES TO A PROCESSING TOOL
Serial No.: 10/650,479
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Group Art Unit: 3652

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☒ PTO Form 1449 and Information Disclosure Statement with five cited references.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following references:

U.S. Patent No. 5,261,935, Ishii et al.

U.S. Patent No. 5,827,118, Johnson et al.

U.S. Patent No. 5,829,939, Iwai et al.

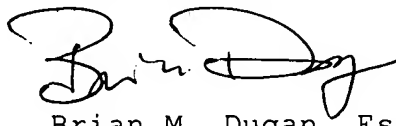
U.S. Patent No. 6,054,181, Nanbu et al.

Foreign Art Reference No. EP 0 582 019 A1 (EPO)

These references are also listed on the accompanying
Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO-1449).

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this
patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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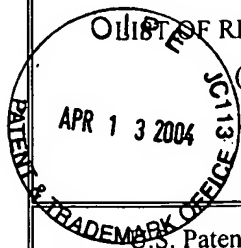
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U.S. Patent Documents

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	US-1	5,261,935	11/16/93	Ishii et al.			
	US-2	5,827,118	10/27/98	Johnson et al.			
	US-3	5,829,939	11/03/98	Iwai et al.			
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